

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Chief, Geographic Research

Project No. 69.1823

From: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 2 February 1960

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Analysis of Soviet Impact Accuracies in the Pacific Missile Tests.
2. Statement of Problem: To analyze Soviet-released information on their missile tests to determine the launch point and differentiate between the geodetic and guidance sources of error in the Soviet-claimed accuracies.

Outline:

- a. The essential data given by Tass reports.
- b. Deductions made from the data.
- c. Computed distances favor Tyura Tam as the probable launch area.
- d. Soviet statements pertaining to the ~~great~~ target accuracy.
- e. Present capabilities with tracking systems.
- f. Soviet claim to accuracy probably based upon tracking results from land based stations.
- g. Comparison of US-USSR accuracy.

3. Requested: Self-initiated, based on informal inquiries of interest among research analysts.

4. Responsible Analyst and Branch: [REDACTED] GG/X

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5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:

- a. Other Divisions of the G Area: Map by D/GC may be required.
- b. Other parts of CIA: Coordination with I/GM/RR and GMD/SI.

6. Estimated Man Hours in D/GC: 80

7. Probable Completion Date:

March 1960

8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR OR

9. Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report: Publication is subject to concurrence in paper by I/GM and GMD/SI. If concurrence is effected, then standard distribution will be given. Otherwise, report will be issued for internal use only.

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